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SUBJ: RUMORED REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF IBRD CONSULTA-

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1. JAPANESE EMBOFF CALLED EMBASSY APRIL 5 TO ASK IF
WE HAD HEARD STORY, WHICH HE SAID HE HAD GOTTEN FROM
"EUROPEAN SOURCE", THAT SAUDIS ARE REQUESTING POSTPONEMENT OF IBRD CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING. ACCORDING
JAPANESE SOURCE, SAUDIS(AND OTHER GODE MEMBERS) FIND
UPCOMING IBRD MEETING SOURCE OF POTENTIAL EMBARRASSMENT.
THEY ARE NOT PREPARED TO MAKE ADDITIONAL AID COMMITMENT
TO EGYPT AND FEAR THERE WILL BE PRESSURE TO DO SO.
PUBLIC SHOW OF SUPPORT FOR EGYPT WHICH WILL
COME OUT OF IBRD MEETING ALSO OF CONCERN TO SAUDIS
BECAUSE OF CURRENT POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS IN ARAB WORLD.

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- 2. WE TOLD JAPANESE EMBOFF WE HAD NO SUCH INFORMATION AND THAT AS FAR AS WE AWARE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING PROCEEDING NORMALLY.
- 3. COMMENT: AS MENTIONED PREVIOUS REPORTS, CONTINUED DONOR SUPPORT FOR EGYPTIAN ECONOMY EVEN MORE IMPORTANT IN MONTHS AHEAD AS PERCEPTION THAT PEACE PROCESS IS

STALLING SEEPS DOWN AND EGYPTIANS TURN THEIR ATTENTION TO INTERNAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. WE WOULD VIEW AS UNDESIRABLE ANY, EXCEPT EGYPTIAN-INSPIRED, POSTPONEMENT OF IBRD MEETING. WE WOULD HOPE FRANKLY THAT MEETING COULD BE USED TO URGE GODE MEMBERS TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING WITH AID TO EGYPT.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEES COMMENTS ON JAPANESE INFORMATION. EILTS

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